Passengers facilities by IA

1744. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide better passenger facilities by the Indian Airlines and to ensure better maintenance of its aircraft to prevent any accident; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Improvements in passenger reservation (extending CRT to more stations, opening more mini booking offices) passenger services (flight information, no-baggage express counters for Airbus flights), cabin and catering services (rotation in menus, quality/quantity control checks) and special training programmes for improving staff behaviour are continuously being made by Indian Airlines. Suitable aircraft maintenance programmes have also been devised to ensure good quality of maintenance of aircraft. Technical despatch reliability is quite high.

Landing facility for air India in Pakistan

1745. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether request has been made with the Governments of Pakistan and Soviet Union requesting them to provide landing facilities midway for Air India planes flying between Delhi and Moscow in an emergency; and

(b) if so, the progress made in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. Both the Governments of Pakistan and Soviet Union were requested to provide emergency landing facilities for Air India's A-310 flights on India-USSR-India Route.

(b) Pakistan authorities granted Air India landing facilities at Karachi, while Russian authorities have premitted landing facility at Tashkent, Kuybishev, Frunze and Aktyubinsk (from October 1987).

Payment of approved pay-scales to teachers of private schools of Delhi

1746. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 290 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th February, 1987 and to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the teaching staff in the private schools in the capital are rarely paid the pay scales approved by Government;

(b) if so, what are the justifications for giving permission to such private schools to hike the tuition fees of the students; and

(c) what are the details of the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that these private schools pay the approved pay scales to their teachers and other non-teaching staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) As per the information received no complaint, except that of the employees of Frank Anthony Senior Secondary School, New Delhi, is on record of Delhi Administration.

(b) The permission was granted to some schools only to enhance tuition fee with effect from October 1986 to ensure that sub-section (1) of section 10 of Delhi School Education Act, 1973 and the recommendations of the 4th Pay Commission can be complied with by the management of these schools.